

**LCDR MATTHEW McKEOWN**  
**U.S. COAST GUARD**

LCDR McKeown, a native of Tennessee began his military career in the United States Navy, enlisting in 1992. A Special Warfare Combatant Craft Crewmen (SWCC) graduate, he served in forward deployed areas in Asia conducting operations with SEALs and other Special Forces units.

Upon discharge in 1996, LCDR McKeown graduated from Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Georgia in 2002 majoring in Organizational Management.

Applying for Coast Guard Officer Candidate School in 2002, he graduated in early 2003. LCDR McKeown was assigned as a Deck Watch Officer onboard USCGC TAHOMA in New Bedford, Massachusetts where he participated in the cutter's homeport move to Kittery Maine. Follow on afloat units include the Executive Officer of USCGC MORRO BAY and Commanding Officer of USCGC THUNDER BAY in Rockland, Maine. He also conducted a three year shore tour as the Field Intelligence Support Team leader in Corpus Christi, Texas, as well as a two year assignment as the Operational Test Director for the Coast Guard's new build cutter acquisition programs.

His awards include two Coast Guard Commendation Medals and a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. LCDR McKeown was named the Eighth District's Intelligence Officer of the Year for 2008.

